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(SBU) On February 20 we delivered reftel points to Merethe Bjorkle, Adviser in the Norwegian Immigration Directorate. When approached regarding Samartino's case, Bjorkle noted that she could not comment on this individual, and governmental policy blocked her from either confirming or denying that Samartino's case is even being considered. She replied that further questions or comments regarding future resettlement cases should be directed through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Headquarters Resettlement Service in Geneva.
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